

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on January 17, 2005 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Glenn Roush, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Harrington (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 212, 1/6/2005; SB 214, 1/6/2005
Executive Action: SB 97, SB 44

00:01:03

HEARING ON SB 212

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 212, Revise allocation and distribution of federal mineral leasing funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:22 **John Northey, Chief Legal Counsel, LSD**
00:03:15 **Judy Paynter, Governors' Office**
00:05:31 **Steve Bender, Director, Department of**
 Administration
00:06:42 **William Duffield, Executive Director of Oil and**
 Gas Companies

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:07:59

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:47

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:23

HEARING ON SB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 214, Clarify law on damages for trespass to take timber.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:14:48

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:55

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:24

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 97

Motion: SEN. PERRY moved that SB 97 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. PERRY moved that SB 97 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT (nas12a01)

00:26:18 SEN. BARKUS, SD 4

00:28:25 Mary Sexton, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:29:33 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

00:31:41 Tom Schulz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Motion/Vote: SEN. PERRY moved that SB 97 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:37:15

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44

Motion/Vote: SEN. PERRY moved that SB 44 DO PASS. Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. LIND, SEN. TOOLE, and SEN. WHEAT voting no.

SEN. ROUSH left the vote open for 24 hours to allow SEN. HARRINGTON to vote. SEN. HARRINGTON gave his vote to the Committee Secretary as a NO.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:47 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas12aad0.PDF](#))